

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2-4 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 1 presently stands rejected.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 43-14120.

Analysis

Applicants amend claim 1 to clarify the present invention.

The punch rollers of the present invention are very different from the rollers of JP '120, thus, resulting in a completely different recessed portion than that in JP '120. The rollers and recessed portion in JP '120 are a symmetrical rounded shape, and do not include the particular sharp edges traditionally formed in a headrest stay as in the present invention, nor the particular problems associated with forming such sharp edges in a headrest stay.

Specifically, the rollers of JP '120 do not have the same shape as the present invention, and moreover, the rollers in JP '120 all have the same general rounded shape and merely differ from each other by their radius of curvature and diameter.

In contrast, the rollers of the present invention include a rounded portion in the first roller and a punch portion in the second roller. That is, the first and second rollers have different shapes from each other, as recited in amended claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, JP '120 does not disclose each and every feature of claim 1.

Furthermore, there is no teaching or suggestion to modify the rollers in JP '120 to have the same shapes as the present invention since they are not directed to forming a recessed portion

of a headrest stay. In fact, the pipe disclosed in JP '120 forms a body of a gas canister and is completely unrelated to a pipe used as a headrest stay. Moreover, there is no teaching or suggestion for the rollers in JP '120 to have different shapes from each other; they merely differ in size but not in shape.

Thus, since JP '120 is not concerned with forming recessed portions of a headrest stay, JP '120 would not benefit from using the distinct shaped rollers of the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to modify JP '120 to arrive at amended claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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